

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An ~~electronic~~ electric camera according to claim 40, wherein comprising:

~~a white balance correcting circuit for correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of a second object;~~

~~an automatic focusing circuit having a plurality of distance measuring points on an image picking-up plane and arranged to automatically perform a focusing operation while using the plurality of distance measuring points; and~~

a said control circuit controls ~~for, when picking up the image of the second object, controlling the operation of said automatic focusing circuit so that said automatic focusing circuit automatically performs a focusing operation~~ by using the plurality of distance measuring points for picking up said image of said first object in first operation, and automatically performs a focusing operation by using at least one distance measuring point and without using at least one distance measuring point in the plurality of distance measuring points for picking up said image of said second object in said second operation.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An ~~electronic~~ electric camera comprising:

a white balance correcting circuit for correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

~~an automatic~~ a focusing circuit arranged to ~~automatically perform~~ drive a lens,
wherein said lens is used for a focusing operation; and

a control circuit for controlling to pick ~~picking up~~ the image of the second object without driving said lens used for said focusing operation after operation for picking up said image of said second object ~~operating said automatic focusing circuit, when picking up the image of the second object while a mode in which the focusing operation is automatically performed is set up.~~

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An electronic camera according to claim 4, the second object is white in color.

Claims 6-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An electric camera according to claim 40,
wherein comprising:

~~a white balance correcting circuit for correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of a second object;~~

~~a focusing circuit arranged to perform a focusing operation; and~~

a said control circuit for, ~~when picking up the image of the second object~~, controlling controls the said second operation of said focusing circuit to make a determination level with which said focusing circuit determines an in-focus state lower than that used for an image picking-up operation ~~when picking up the image of the first object~~ in said first operation.

Claim 23-38 (Canceled).

Claim 39 (New): An electric camera comprising:

a white balance correcting circuit for correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

a focusing circuit arranged to perform decision of in-focus state and de-focus state; and

a control circuit for controlling to pick up the image of the second object without performing decision of in-focus state and de-focus state.

Claim 40 (New): An electric camera comprising:

a white balance correcting circuit for correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

a focusing circuit arranged to perform a focusing operation; and

a control circuit for controlling to pick up the image of the first object by operating said focusing circuit on the basis of a first operation for providing an in-focus state, and for picking up the image of the second object by operating said focusing circuit on the basis of a second operation, different from said first operation, for providing an in-focus state.

Claim 41 (New): An electric camera according to claim 4, 39, or 40, further comprising:

an operation element by which a user selects at least a first mode and a second mode;

wherein said first mode is a mode in which said white balance correcting circuit corrects white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of third object on the

basis of white balance data corresponding to a light source , which has been beforehand prepared, and said second mode is a mode in which said white balance correcting circuit corrects said white balance of said picked-up image by picking up said image of said first object on the basis of said white balance data obtained by picking up said image of said second object,

a second control circuit for switching a screen of a display device in said electric camera to a screen for picking up an image of said second object according to selecting said second mode, wherein said screen for picking up an image of said second object is different from a screen for picking up an image of said first object.

Claim 42 (New): An electric camera according to claim 41, further comprising:
a release switch, for picking up said image of said first object, which is operated by a user;

a third control circuit for operating said focusing circuit and then picking up said image of said first object according to operation of said release switch.

Claim 43 (New): An electric camera according to claim 42, wherein said image of said second object is picked up by operation of said release switch in said second mode.

Claim 44 (New): An electric camera according to claim 40, wherein time for said focusing operation on the basis of said second operation is shorter than time for said focusing operation on the basis of said first operation.

Claim 45 (New): An electric camera according to claims 39 or 40, wherein said second object is white in color.

Claim 46 (New): A control method for controlling an electric camera having a focusing circuit arranged to drive a lens, wherein said lens is used for a focusing operation, said control method comprising the steps of:

correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

controlling to pick up the image of the second object without driving said lens used for said focusing operation after operation for picking up said image of said second object.

Claim 47 (New): A storage medium which stores therein a program for executing a process for controlling an electric camera having a focusing circuit arranged to drive a lens, wherein said lens is used for a focusing operation, said process comprising the steps of:

correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

controlling to pick up the image of the second object without driving said lens used for said focusing operation after operation for picking up said image of said second object.

Claim 48 (New): A control method for controlling an electric camera having a focusing circuit arranged to perform decision of in-focus state and de-focus state, said control method comprising the steps of:

correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

a control circuit for controlling to pick up the image of the second object without performing decision of in-focus state and de-focus state.

Claim 49 (New): A storage medium which stores therein a program for executing a process for controlling an electric camera having a focusing circuit arranged to perform decision of in-focus state and de-focus state, said process comprising the steps of:

correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

a control circuit for controlling to pick up the image of the second object without performing decision of in-focus state and de-focus state.

Claim 50 (New): A control method for controlling an electric camera having a focusing circuit arranged to perform a focusing operation, said control method comprising:

correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

controlling to pick up the image of the first object by operating said focusing circuit on the basis of a first operation for providing an in-focus state, and for picking up the image of the second object by operating said focusing circuit on the basis of a second operation, different from said first operation, for providing an in-focus state.

Claim 51 (New): A storage medium which stores therein a program for executing a process for controlling an electric camera having a focusing circuit arranged to perform a focusing operation, said process comprising:

correcting white balance of a picked-up image by picking up an image of first object on the basis of white balance data obtained by picking up an image of second object;

controlling to pick up the image of the first object by operating said focusing circuit on the basis of a first operation for providing an in-focus state, and for picking up the

image of the second object by operating said focusing circuit on the basis of a second operation, different from said first operation, for providing an in-focus state.